



Attachment B

SCOPING MEETING MATERIALS

**Revisions to the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the
Central Valley Project and State Water Project, and Related
Facilities**

Public Scoping Meeting Agenda

Revisions to the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project and Related Facilities

Thank you for attending today's Public Scoping Meeting and helping with the first steps in preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Revisions to the Coordinated Long-Term Operation (LTO) of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project and Related Facilities. Public Scoping Meetings are held as part of the EIS process through which an implementing agency describes a proposed action and its planned approach to analysis. The agency then seeks input from other agencies, organizations, and the public on environmental issues to be considered, potential impacts, and possible alternatives to the proposed action. We encourage you to provide us with information on your issues of concern. Please visit our website at www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/lto to stay informed. Be sure to pick up a Comment Card and return it by February 1, 2018, or share your thoughts by speaking at this meeting.

- **Overview Presentation:** Reclamation representatives will describe the purpose of the meeting, provide an overview of the project and explain the public involvement process.
- **Information Stations and Individual Comment Session:** Please walk around the room and ask questions of the Reclamation representatives at the 4 stations. Also during this time, individuals can provide verbal comments to the court reporter.
- **Public Comment Session:** If you wish to make a verbal comment, please fill out a Speaker's Card from the Welcome Table and hand it to the Facilitator. Speakers will be called in the order in which Speaker Cards are submitted with the exception of elected or tribal officials, who will be called first. Comments will be recorded by the court reporter who will prepare a written record of the Scoping Meeting.

Scoping Meeting Schedule

Sacramento Tuesday, January 23, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Los Banos Wednesday, January 24, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Chico Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Stanford Room, John E Moss Federal Building, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA	Grand Room, 645 7th Street, Los Banos Community Center, Los Banos, CA	Room 210, Bell Memorial Union, CSU Chico, West 2nd St, between Hazel and Chestnut, Chico, CA



PUBLIC INPUT DURING SCOPING

What is Scoping?

The scoping process is an opportunity for the public to identify topics to be covered in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provide recommendations to Reclamation. Your input will help Reclamation to identify:

- ◆ Significant topics to be analyzed in the EIS.
- ◆ Topics that have already been adequately addressed in prior environmental reviews.
- ◆ Potential alternatives to develop the reasonable range of alternatives.
- ◆ Potential mitigation measures for the proposed action
- ◆ People or organizations who are interested in the EIS.

How Can I Get Involved?

Reclamation encourages the public to be involved throughout the EIS process for the Revisions to the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project and Related Facilities. For this public scoping phase, comments are being accepted through February 1, 2018.

Ways to provide comments:

- ◆ Comment Card
- ◆ Verbal comments at Scoping Meetings or individual comments to Court Reporter
- ◆ Mail/Email
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For additional information, please visit:
<https://www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/lto.html>.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR COMMENTS

Develop your comments, taking the following into consideration:

- ◆ What topics are of greatest concern to you and why?
- ◆ Are there additional topics that should be evaluated?
- ◆ What alternatives or mitigation measures do you think would help to lessen or avoid impacts?
- ◆ Can you suggest information resources?

What Issues Might be Addressed in the EIS?

- ◆ Water resources, including groundwater, water quality, and climate change
- ◆ Land use, including agriculture
- ◆ Socioeconomics
- ◆ Biological resources, including fish, wildlife, and plant species
- ◆ Cultural and historic resources
- ◆ Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions
- ◆ Soils, geology, and mineral resources
- ◆ Visual, scenic, or aesthetic resources
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Indian Trust Assets
- ◆ Environmental justice

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Managing Water in the West

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Alternatives Table

**Maximizing Water Deliveries &
Optimizing Marketable Power
Generation
to Augment Operational
Flexibility by Addressing the Status of
Endangered and Threatened Species**

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Court Reporter

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**National Environmental Policy
Act (NEPA) / Endangered Species
Act (ESA) Table**

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Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Overview Presentation**
 - **What is this project and why do it**
 - **Project Scope**
 - **Scoping Process**
 - **Environmental Compliance**
- **Information Stations**
- **Public Comment**

Meeting Purpose

- **We encourage public comments**
 - **written or verbal today, or**
 - **by email or mail until February 1.**
- **We want to hear insights and specific local information related to issues for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**
- **Please share any alternatives you would like us to analyze.**
- **Please provide written comments as well (comment cards at the welcome table).**

Opening Remarks

What is this Project?

CVP South of Delta water supplies have decreased since the project was built.

Reclamation proposes to evaluate alternatives that

- maximize water deliveries and**
- optimize marketable power generation**
- augment operational flexibility by addressing the status of listed species.**

consistent with:

- applicable laws, contractual obligations, and agreements**

What are the deliverables?

- **Scoping Report**
- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**
- **Final Environmental Impact Statement**

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
- **Purpose**
 - Evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives
 - Identify potential benefits and adverse impacts, and propose mitigation to reduce/avoid impacts
 - Provide information for public review and comment
 - Support decision making by the Federal agency
- **An EIS addresses many issues**
 - Water Resources
 - Other Physical Resources - such as Air Quality
 - Biological Resources - including non- federally-listed threatened or endangered species
 - Human Resources - land use, socioeconomics, cultural resources ... and more!

Public Input During Scoping Process

- **Your input will help shape the EIS**
 - **What alternatives should be considered?**
 - **What environmental issues should be evaluated?**
- **What happens to comments?**
 - **Comments will be compiled in a Scoping Report which will be made available to the public on Reclamation's website.**

How Can You Provide Comments?

- **Comments due February 1, 2018**
- **To provide comments today**
 - **Comment Cards**
 - **Verbal Comments**
 - **Individual comments to court reporter**
- **To provide comments after today**
 - **Katrina Harrison, kharrison@usbr.gov; (916) 414-2425; 801 I Street, Suite 140, Sacramento CA**

Questions on the Presentation?

Talk to us next at information stations!

We will not provide answers to questions during formal public comment, as that is your opportunity to be heard.

Information stations are your chance to ask us questions and receive answers.

For More Information

- www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/Ito
- Sign up to receive periodic electronic updates on sign-in sheet.
- Provide comments throughout preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.

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Information Stations

Information Stations

- Ask Reclamation questions about the project.
- Provide informal input if desired.
- Welcome
 - pick up comment card for written comment
 - fill out speaker card to speak today
- Project Scope
- Environmental Compliance
- Court Reporter
 - provide individual verbal comment

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Public Comment

Scoping Meeting Guidelines

- **Ensure everyone's participation**
 - Meeting is structured to give everyone an opportunity to participate.
- **Respect each other's comments**
 - Listen carefully to other participants.
 - Place cell phones/pagers on vibrate and silent mode.
- **Honor time limits**
 - Please keep comments concise so everyone has an opportunity to speak.
- **Identify yourself and your affiliation**
 - This will help the transcriber, Reclamation and DWR staff, and the audience.

Guidelines for Verbal Comments

- **Fill out a Speaker Card and submit to facilitator.**
- **Everyone will be heard.**
- **Please be respectful.**
- **Please limit comments to the designated time.**
- **All comments will be recorded by a transcriber.**
- **Please introduce yourself and affiliation to help the transcriber.**
- **Reclamation and DWR are here to listen.**

Thank you for coming!

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